

**Silver Spring Transportation Management District Advisory Committee  
(SSTMD AC) Meeting Summary  
December 13, 2007**

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**1. Introductions, Agenda Review:** Members introduced themselves. Attendance sheet attached.

**2. Review/Approval of Minutes:** November minutes were unavailable, to be approved with December minutes at January meeting.

**3. Chair's Comments:** **Chair Jim Polk** attended a presentation on Ike Leggett's Pedestrian Safety Initiative. There are seven specific initiatives for which the County has proposed allocating \$4.8 Million per year and \$32.4 million over six years:

- Target safety improvements in High Incidence Areas
- Assess and improve pedestrian network and connectivity needs
- Increase emphasis on pedestrians and bicyclists in the planning process
- Identify and implement corridor and intersection modifications and traffic calming treatments
- Upgrade pedestrian signals
- Assess and enhance street lighting
- Modify pedestrian and driver behavior through enhanced enforcement and education efforts

**4. Purple Line Position Paper:** A draft was attached in members' packets. **Mr. Polk** would like feedback from the group. All updates, additions, modifications, etc. can be sent electronically, using Jim Carlson as a clearinghouse. **Mel Tull** suggested inserting language promoting greater awareness of the environment and reiterated his previous concern of limiting the Purple Line route from Bethesda to Silver Spring, rather than further east. A concern here, which Mr. Tull acknowledged, is that Federal funding may not be available.

**Mr. Polk** discussed the two routes still under consideration for egress out of the transit center to the east, at ground level, mostly affecting the roads Bonifant Street and Wayne Avenue. Also under consideration is a tunnel through that area. The latter is clearly more expensive but will have the least impact on traffic. His three positions in the paper were:

- The Committee supports the Purple Line, regardless of final manifestation
- The Purple Line should go through the Transit Center
- The Purple Line should avoid surface streets as much as possible

**Mr. Polk** shared his concern that if the Purple Line gets congested anywhere, particularly in Silver Spring, many people will likely get back in their cars. Originally, there were only slated to be around 13 stops for the line. But the number has increased to 17 and may continue to increase. This could significantly slow the whole planning and implementation process as well.

**5. Upcoming Meeting with County Executive Leggett:** **Mr. Polk** asked the committee whether they wanted to keep the same general categories as last year, and to reexamine the priorities. Several advisory committees meet at the same time with the County Executive, and each has about three minutes to speak. The date has not been set, but it will be in January or February.

Last year's requests and this year's recommendations include:

- Super Fare Share: Committee should continue to ask for increased finding here.
- Pedestrian Safety and Bicycling Initiatives: Committee can acknowledge this and applaud the Executive's recent initiative. Some updates directly related to Silver Spring could be revisited, and hopefully the CE will support these concerns.
- Parking Operations: Committee may request a new way of paying for parking. There is not a lot of consistency now, and there is confusion.

The remaining priorities are for the most part to remain similar to last year, but members can make any changes they suggest and send them electronically.

**6. Updates-TMD/DPWT/Police/Other:** **Sgt. Tom Harmon** discussed pedestrian injury and fatality statistics and background information. There was one person killed in a freak accident. The pedestrian was walking down a sidewalk when a tractor trailer disengaged from its cab and killed her instantly. Sgt. Harmon is constantly training the officers in his department to continually raise public awareness about pedestrian safety and continue to reduce pedestrian injury or death.

**Sgt. Harmon** stated that many fatal crashes in the county could have been avoided if safety belts were worn. There are several seatbelt initiatives in place for the holidays; for some reason fewer people wear seatbelts this time of year than others.

**Jim Carlson** reminded the committee that Metro will severely constrict the supply of paper Metrocheks beginning in January in an effort to get everyone on SmartBenefits. Concerns for MARC riders are still being ironed out. For the immediate future, MARC and MTA riders will continue to be provided with Metrocheks, at least until both systems are able to accept SmarTrip cards.

The Commuter Store has not yet moved, but there is likelihood for February.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 AM  
Next meeting: January 10, 2008

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**Attendance Sheet**  
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<b>Voting Members (12)</b>			
Name	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Chamber Members (3)</b>			
Ali Mahmood	Chevy Chase Bank		X
James S. Polk, Chairman	Technology Service Corporation	X	
Tom Collins	Atlantech Online	X	
<b>Citizens Advisory Board Members (3)</b>			
Edward Furgol	Kemp Mill, Four Corners, East SS	X	
Charles Segerman, Vice Chairman	North & West Sector Plan Area	X	
Andy Wexler	CBD Resident	X	
<b>TMD Employers less than 50 employees (3)</b>			
Julian Leidman	Bonanza Coin	X	
Suvita Melehy	Melehy & Associates		X
Cathy Wilde	Solid Waste Assoc of North America		X
<b>TMD Employers with 50 or more employees (3)</b>			
Vacant Position			
Robin Goudy	Social & Scientific Systems	X	
Geoffrey Kreig	Merchant Link	X	
<b>Non-Voting Members (4)</b>			
Sandra Brecher, DPWT Transit Services	DPWT Director or Designee		X
Chuck Kines	M-NCPPC		X
Sergeant Thomas Harmon	Montgomery County Police	X	
<b>Staff</b>			
Terrie O'Steen	DPWT, Commuter Services	X	
David Kantor	DPWT, Commuter Services		X
Jim Carlson	DPWT, Commuter Services	X	
<b>Guests</b>			
Gillian McBurney for Cathy Wilde	Solid Waste Assn. of North America	X	
Michael Price	Discovery Communications	X	
Mel Tull	Silver Spring Regional Services Center	X	